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Report of the Secretary-General

Addendum

1. The present addendum summarizes the replies received from the Governments of Qatar, Tunisia and the United States of America on the desirability of establishing an inter-sessional working group to examine the reports on the use and application of the United Nations standards and norms in crime prevention and criminal justice and to recommend further action to the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice. This brings the number of States that have submitted replies to 16.

2. Qatar recognized the importance, and supported the establishment, of a working group to examine the reports of Governments on the use and application of the standards and norms and to identify obstacles to their implementation, with a view to developing realistic and practical recommendations for consideration by the Commission.

3. Tunisia favoured the establishment of an inter-sessional working group to examine the reports of Governments. Such a working group could better follow and assess the efforts of Member States in the use and application of the United Nations standards and norms, as well as identify shortcomings in their implementation. It could also provide guidance to the Commission with regard to the appropriate action to be taken to assist Member States in overcoming the difficulties encountered in their implementation.

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4. The United States did not support the establishment of an inter-sessional working group on standards and norms. It felt that sufficient time was available during the sessional meetings of the Commission for the necessary substantive discussions on the matter. An in-sessional working group would be more representative than an inter-sessional one.